

Chapter 9: Today's a Day Off

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THEY
ORIGINATED
IN CHINA
BUT WERE
INTRODUCED
ALONGSIDE
GUNS BY
EUROPEANS
IN TANE-
GASHIMA...

THEY SAY
THAT THE FIRST
PERSON TO HAVE
SEEN FIREWORKS
HERE IN JAPAN
WAS TOKUGAWA
IEYASU.

TN: Tanegashima (種子島) is an island in southwestern Japan

SFX: boom boom

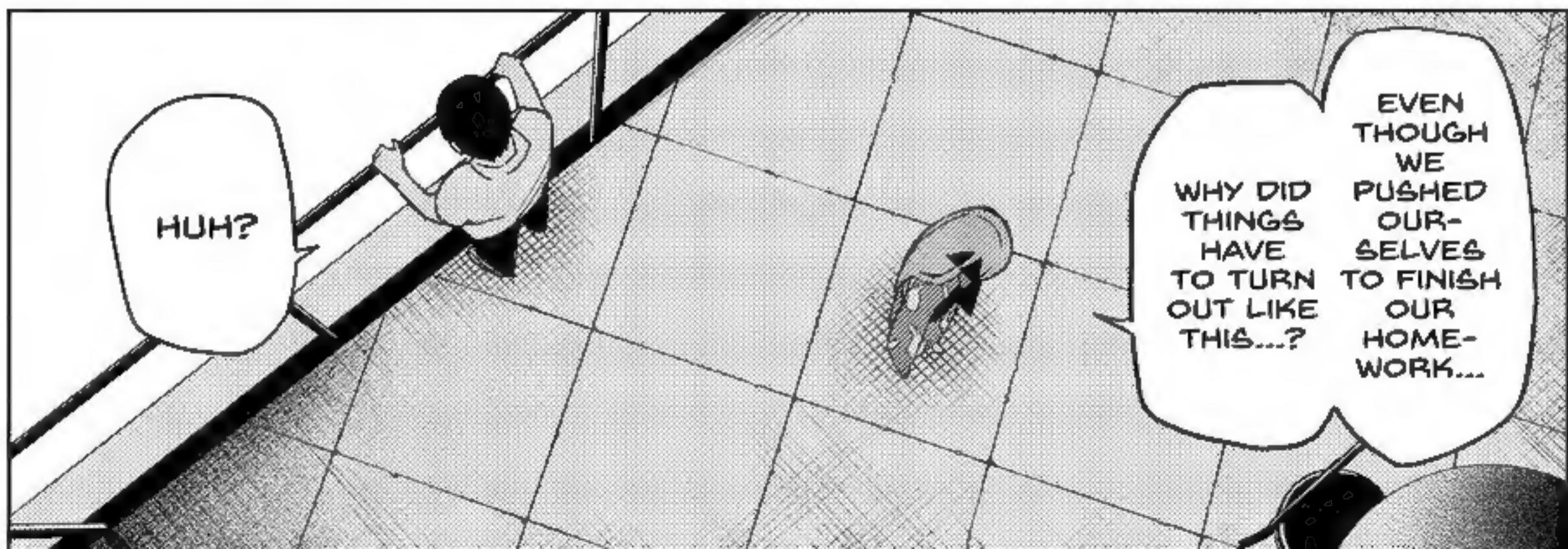
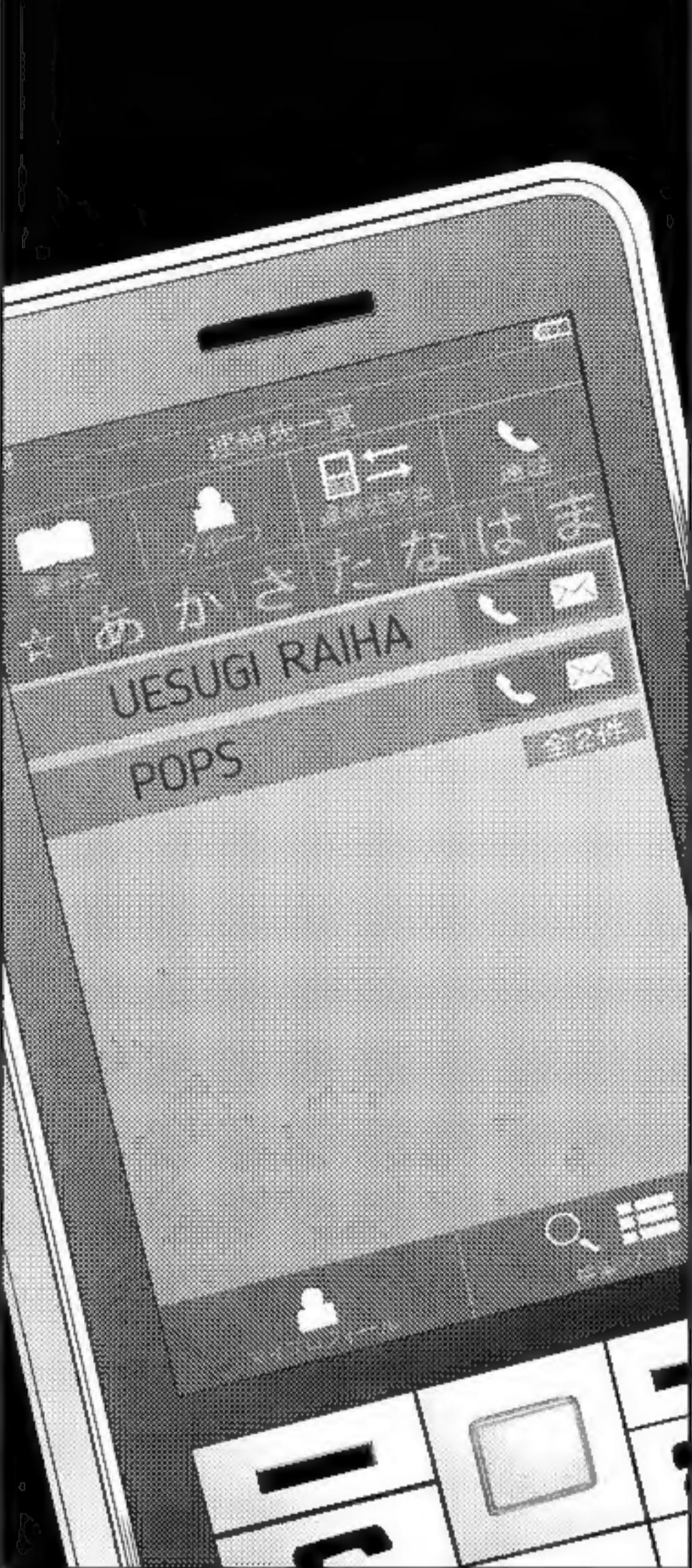
SFX: boom boom

IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU
SCREWED
UP!

THIS
SUCKS!

HOW DID
I WIND UP
WITH THE
MISFORTUNE
OF WATCHING
THE FIREWORKS
WITH YOU!?







IT'S A MEMORY WE SHARED WITH OUR MOM.







ICHIIKA.



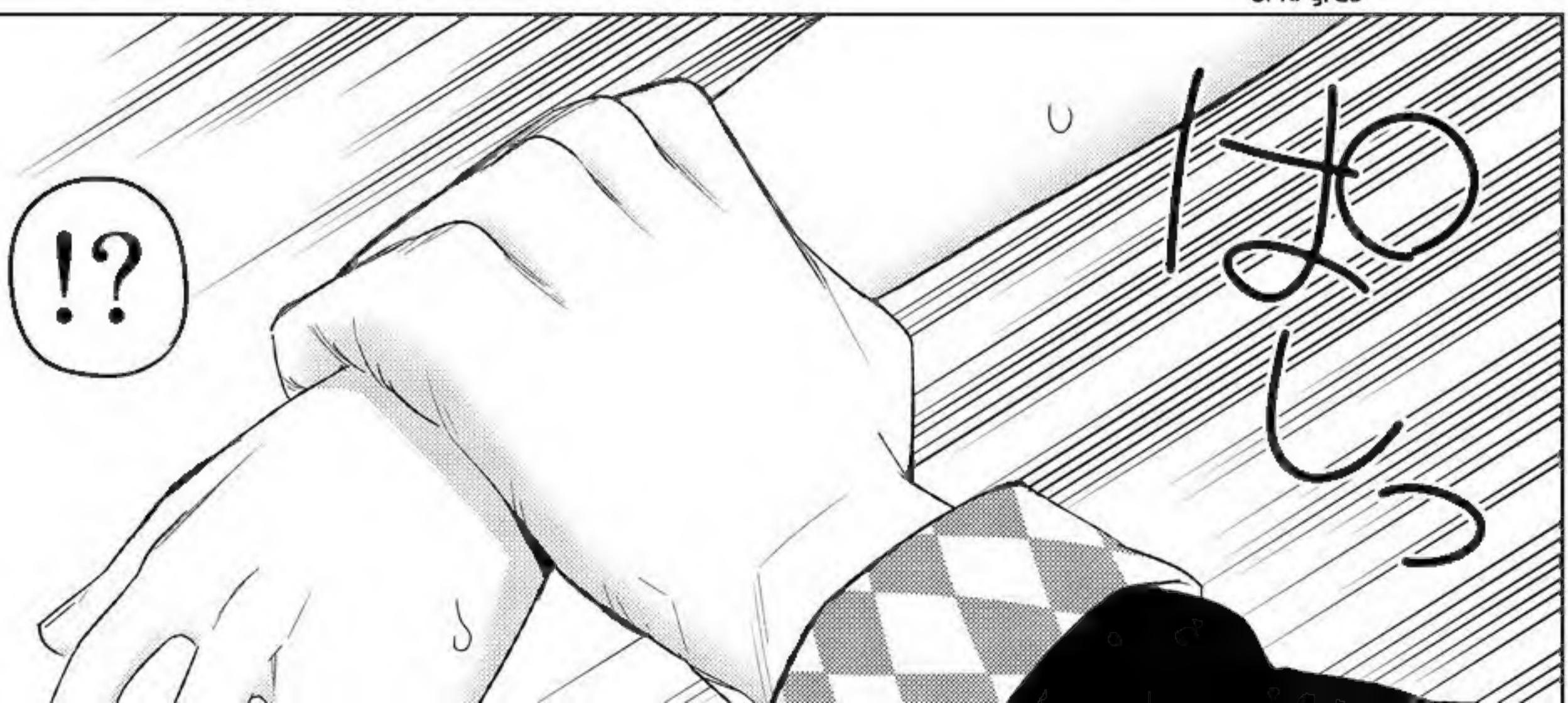
I WILL
CALL YOU
BACK
LATER.

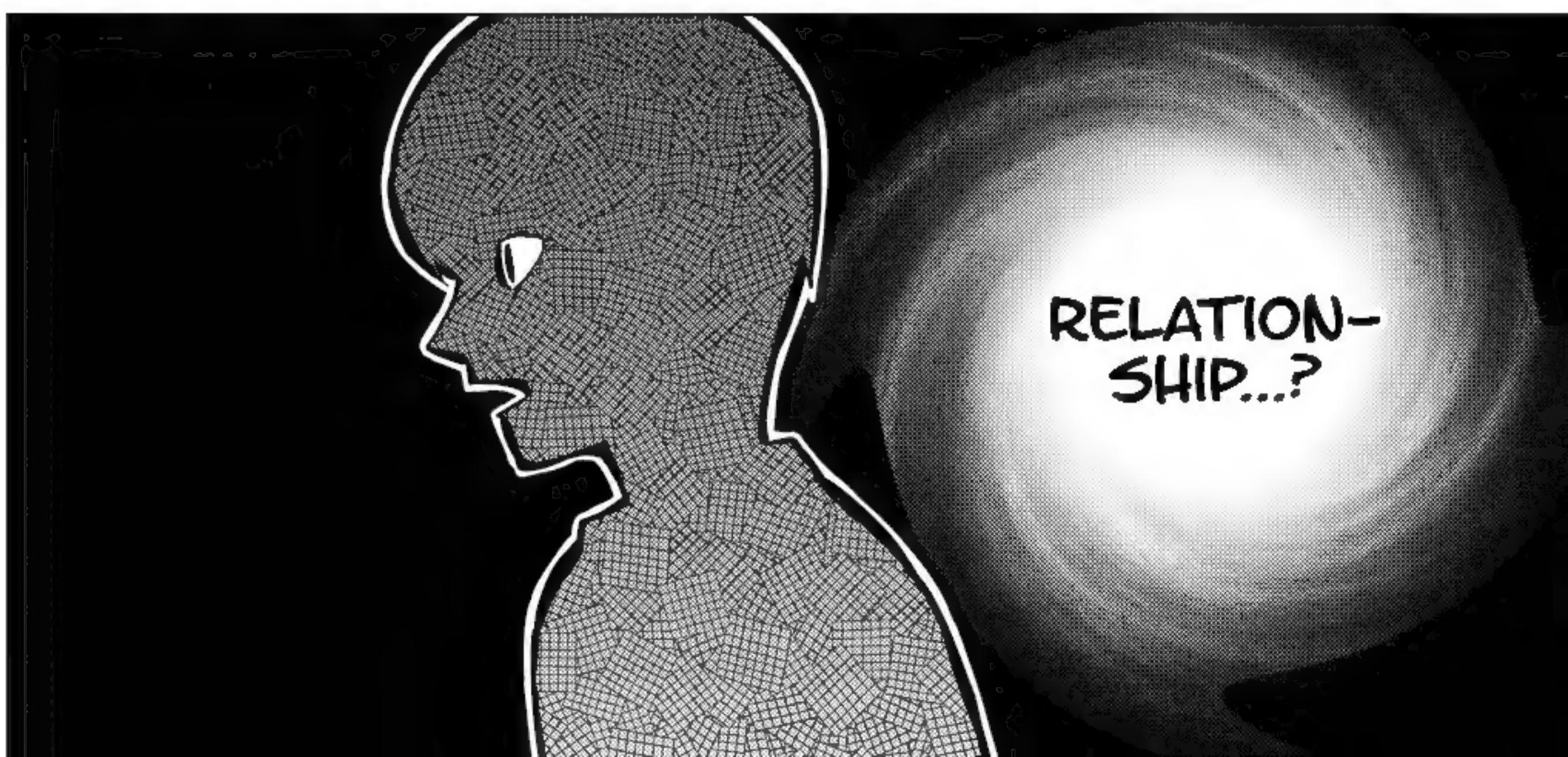


GLAD
I CAUGHT
UP WITH
YOU. LET'S
HURRY
BACK
TO THE
CAFE.



SFX: grab

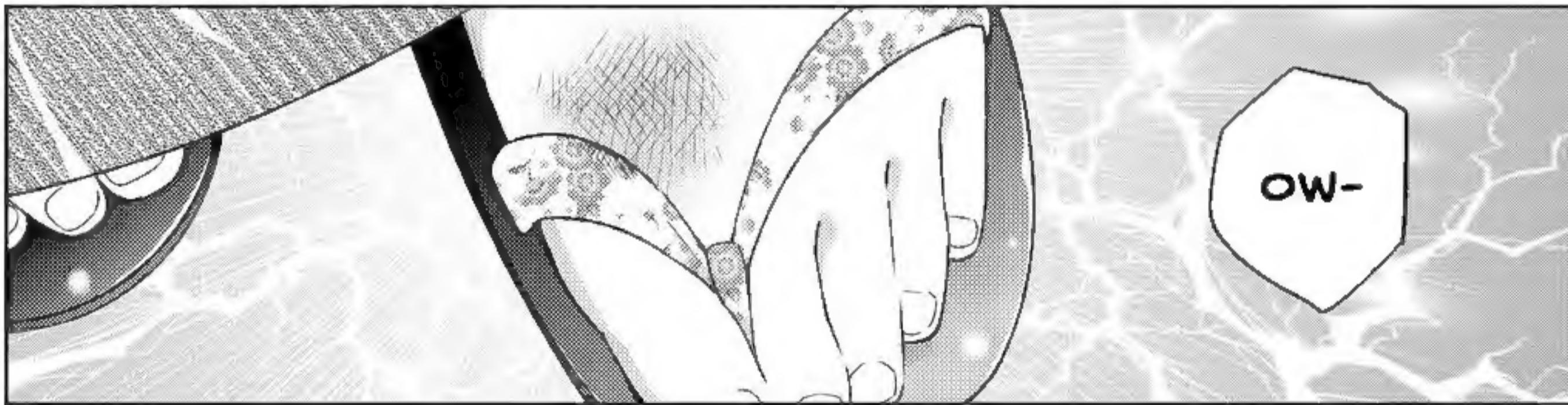
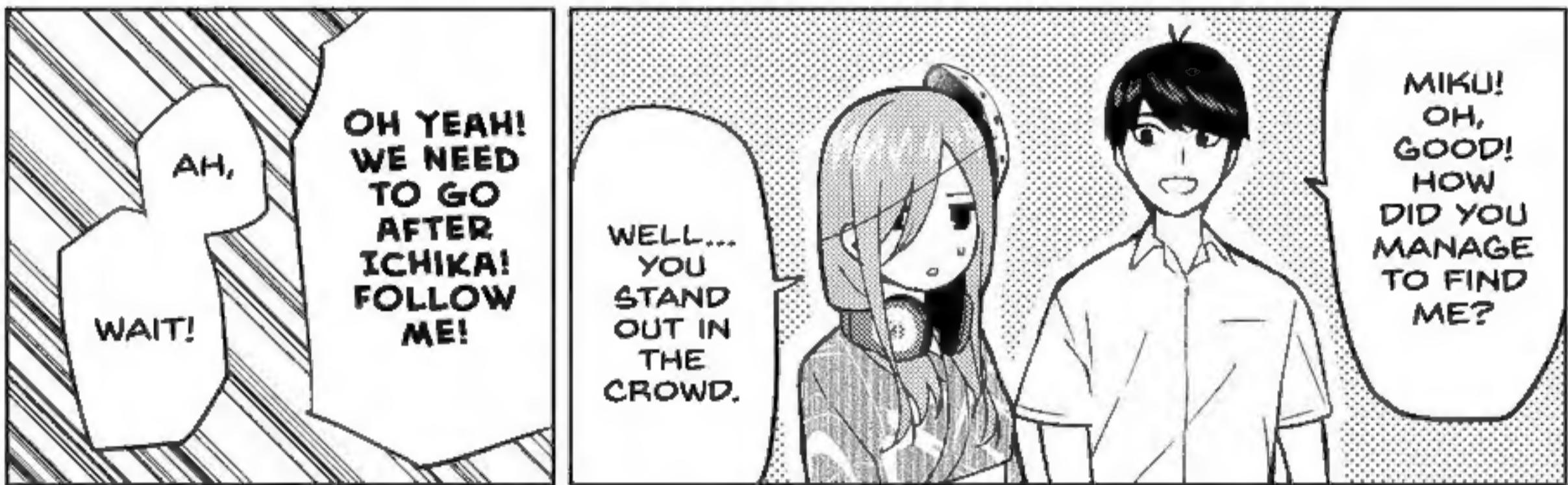




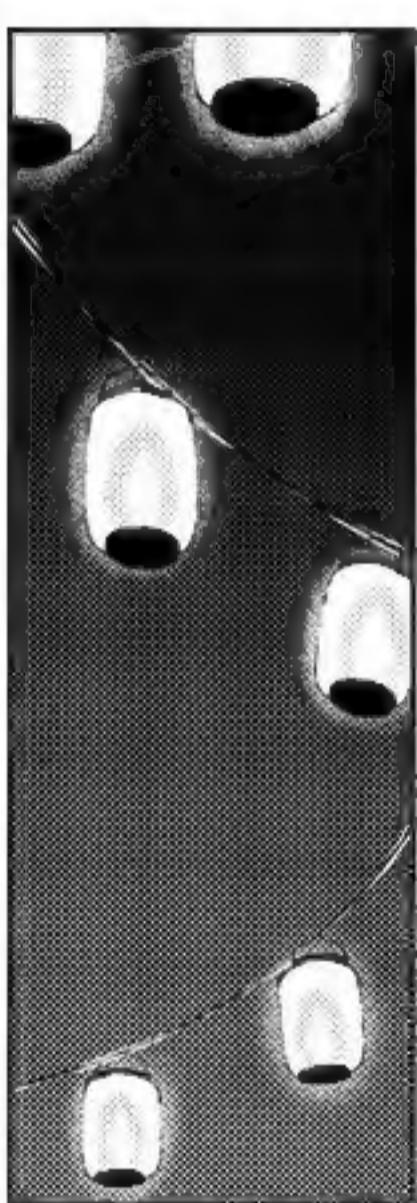


SFX: turn turn



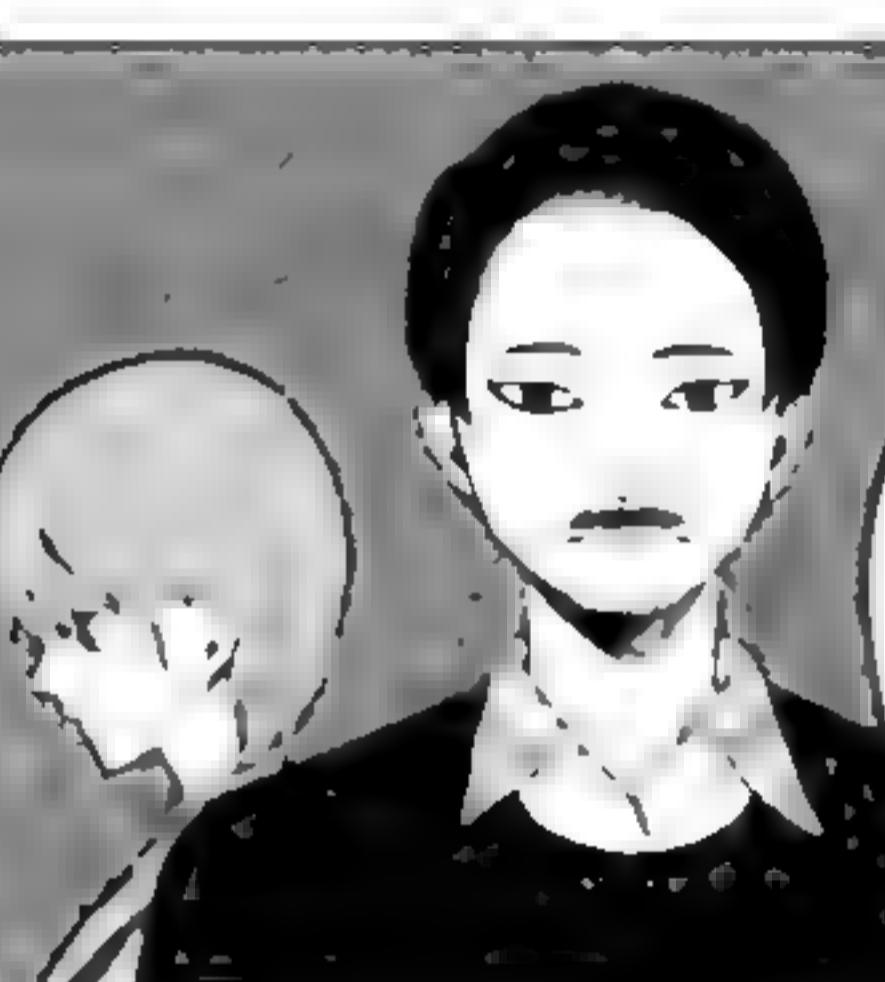








SO...
DID YOU
REALLY
SEE
ICHIIKA?



I'M
PRETTY
SURE SHE
NOTICED
ME
BUT
SHE RAN
OFF WITH
SOME OLD
GUY WITH
A MOUS-
TACHE.



YEAH



ACTUALLY,
WHATEVER.
THERE'S
ONLY 40
MINUTES
LEFT.
JUST
WHAT
IS SHE
DOING?

WHAT THE
HECK?
YOU DON'T
THINK
THEY'RE
UP TO
ANYTHING
SHADY,
DO YOU?



I DO
RECALL
SEEING
ICHIIKA GET-
TING OUT OF
THE CAR OF
A MOUS-
TACHED GUY
BEFORE...

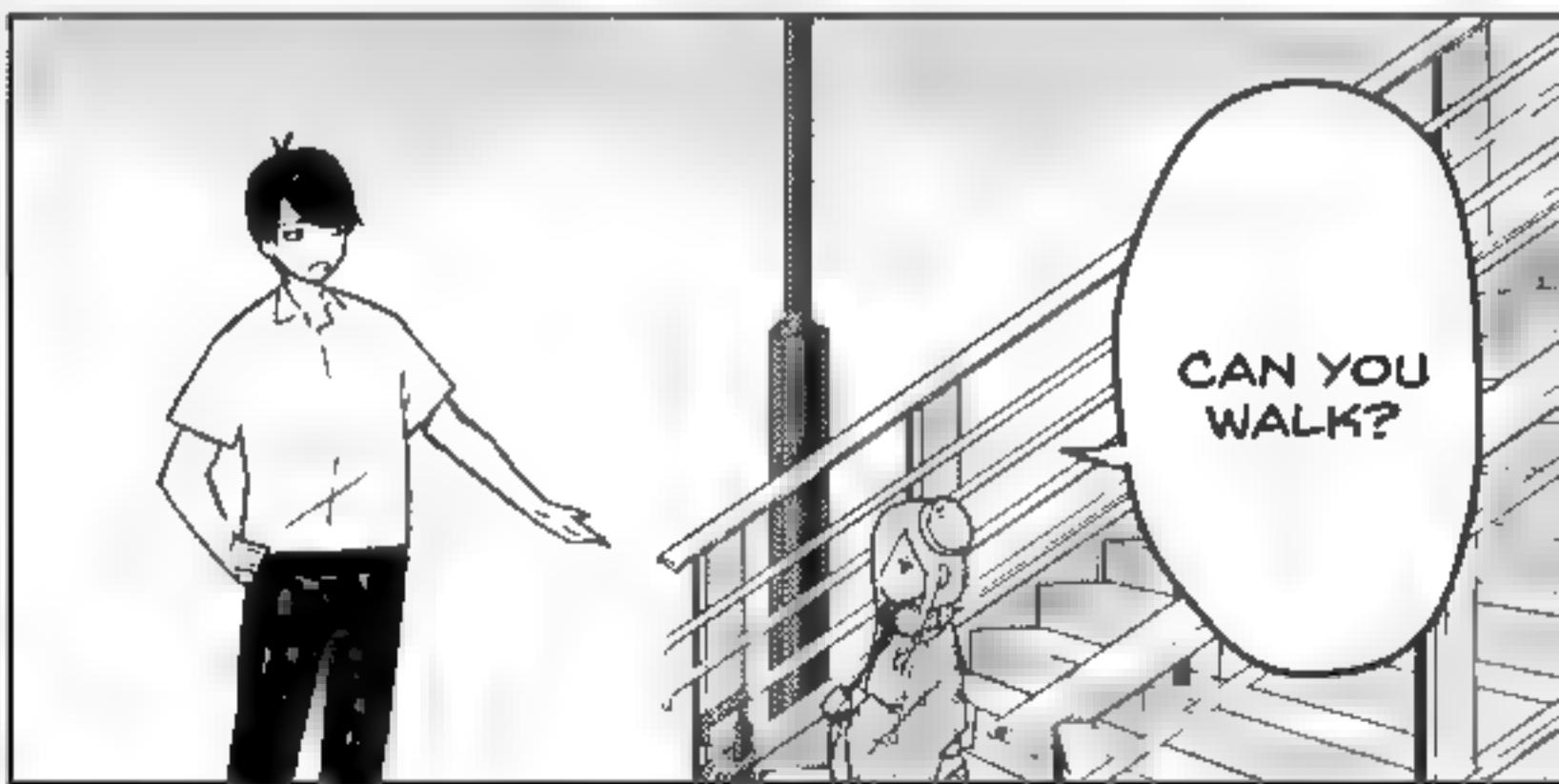
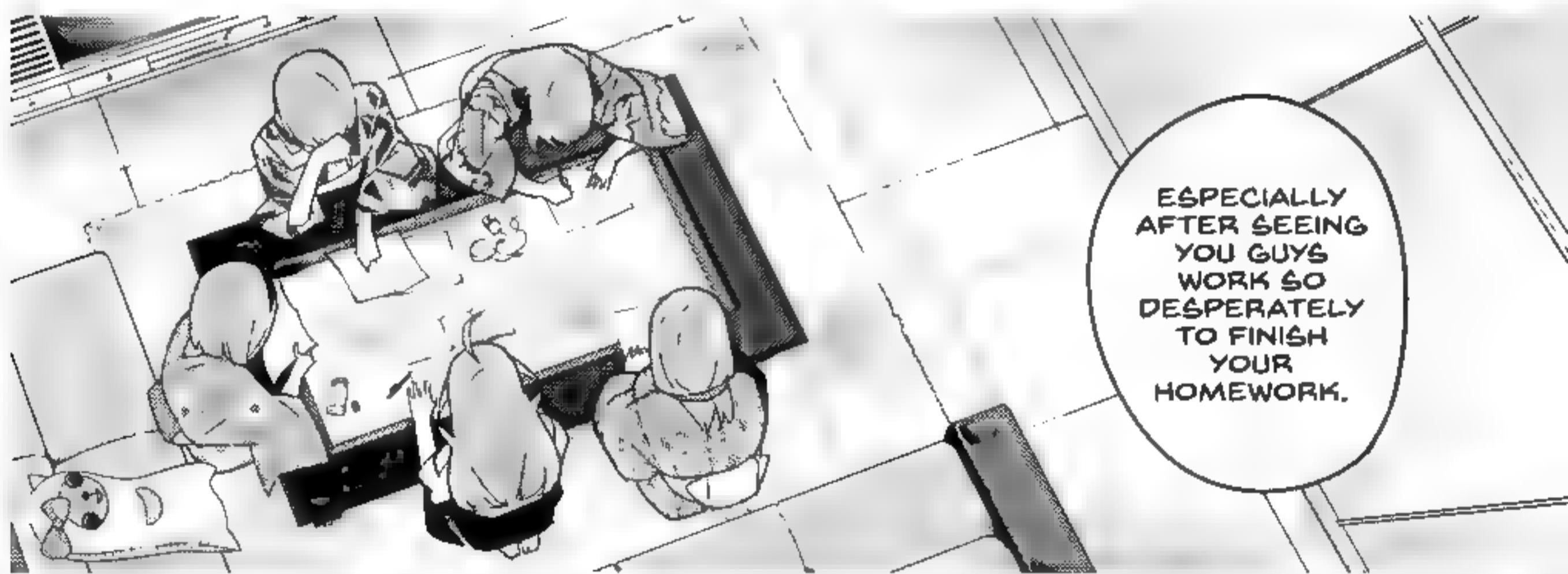


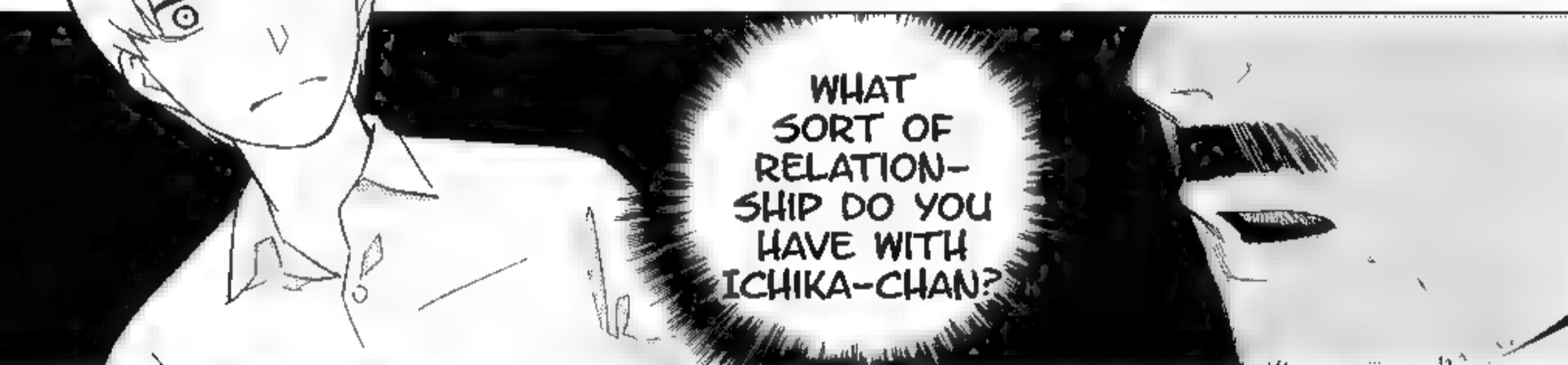
DOES
ANYONE
COME TO
MIND?

NO.

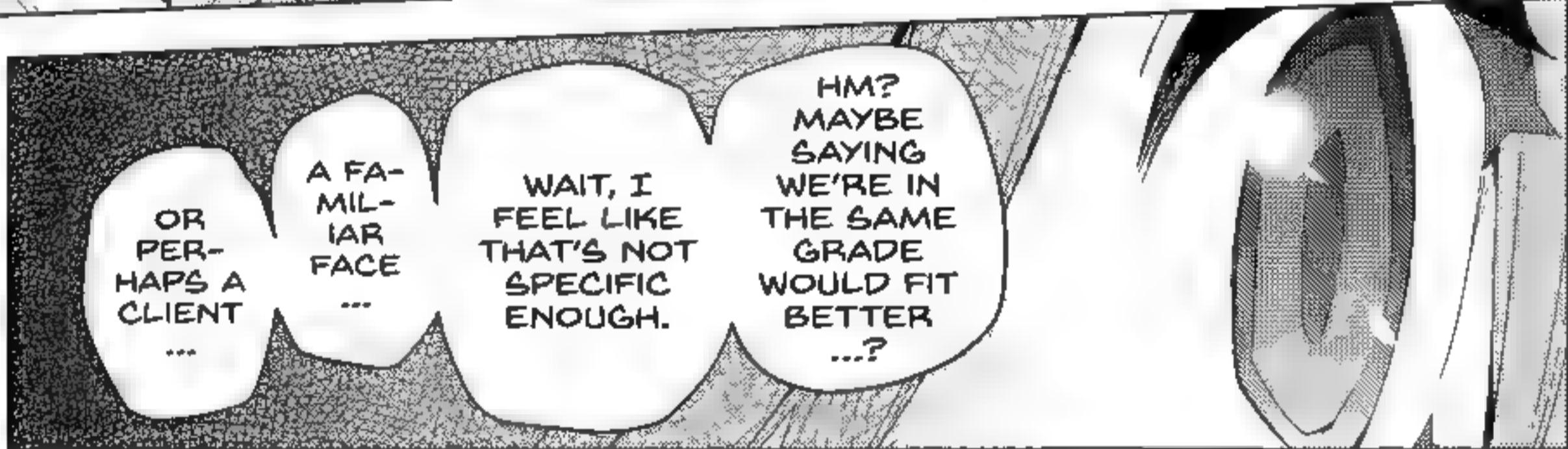


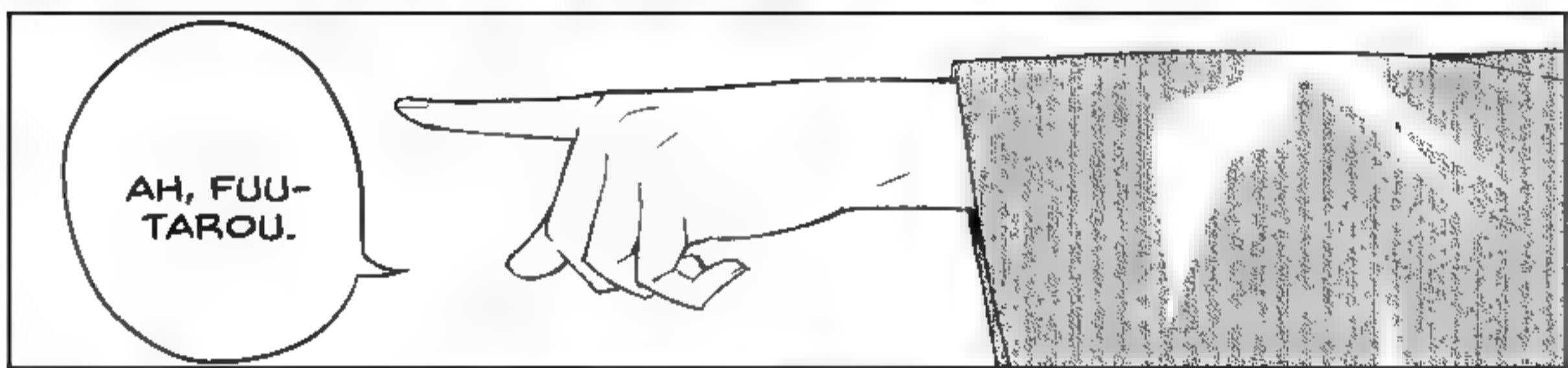
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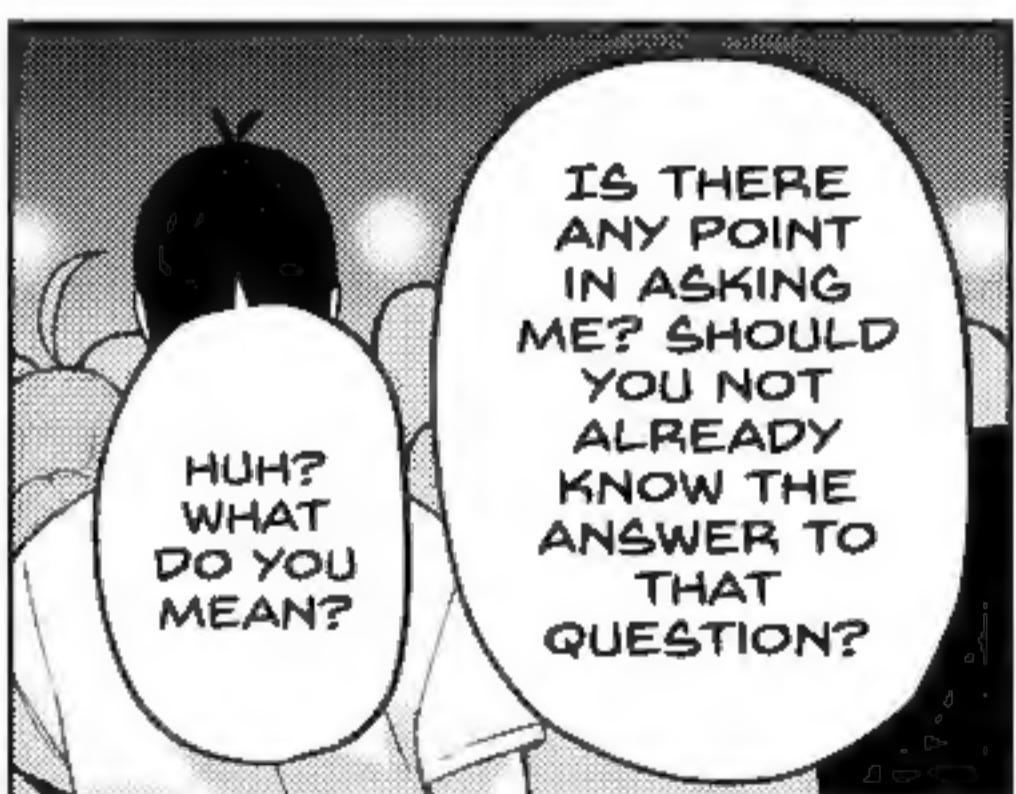
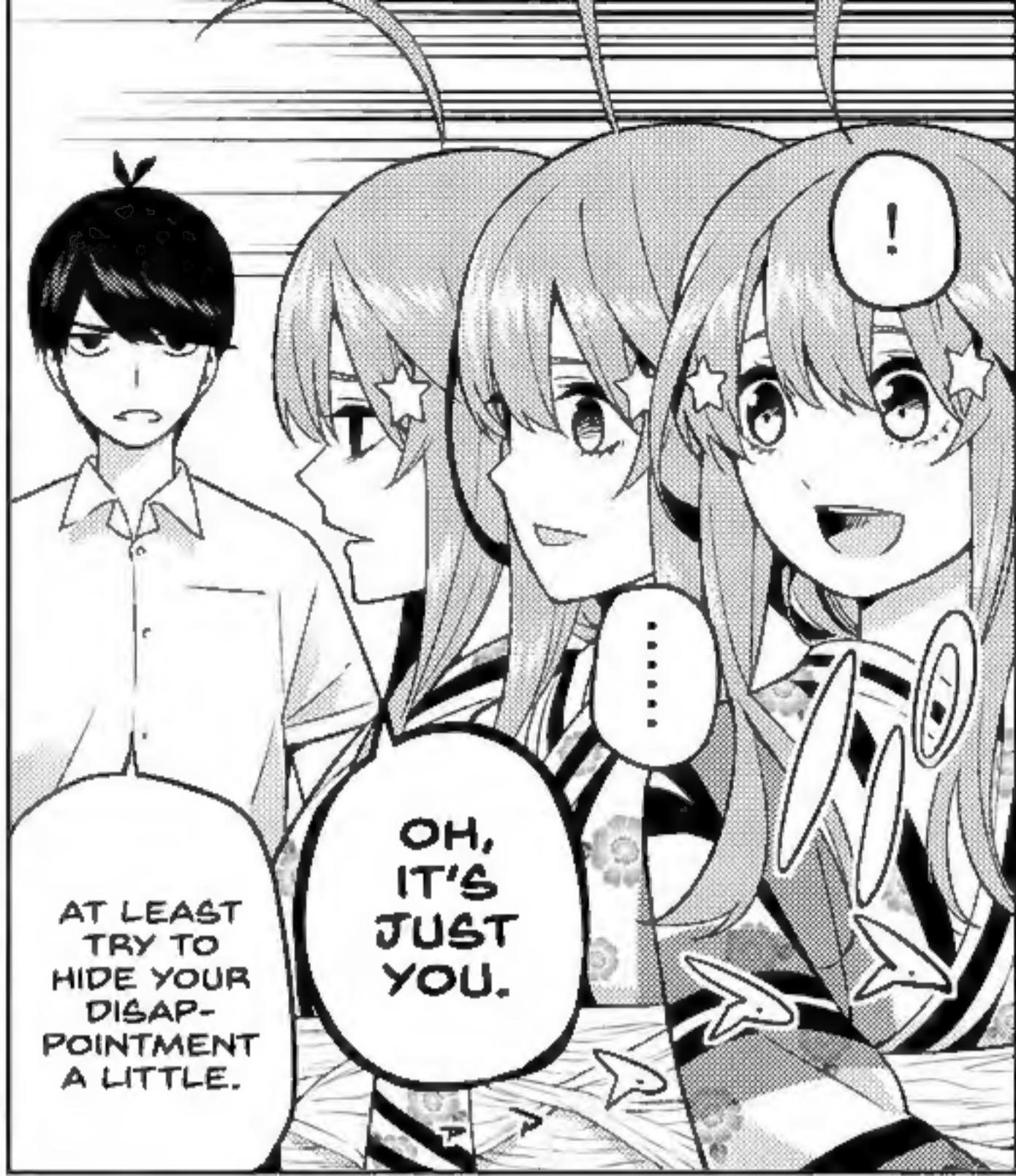








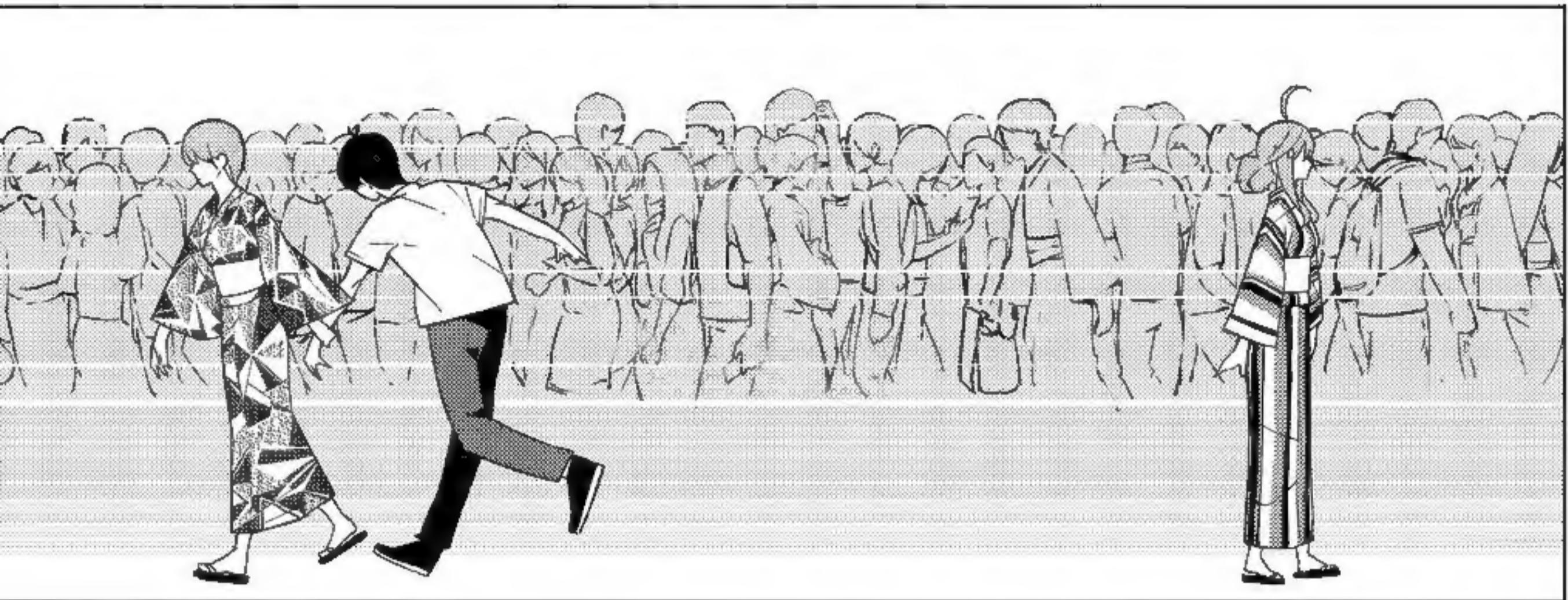






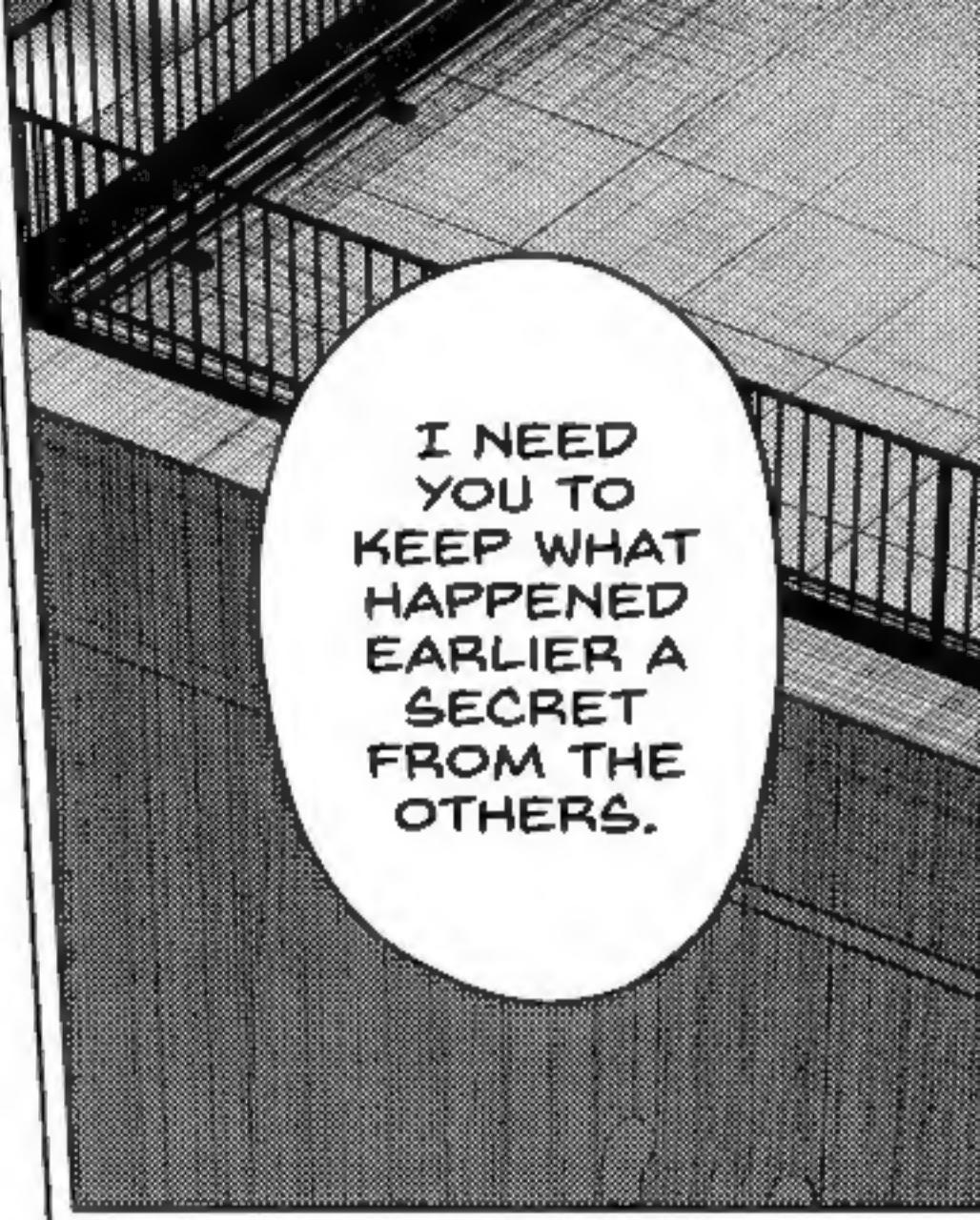
OH GOOD.
YOU
MANAGED
TO MEET
UP WITH
ITSUKI-
CHAN.







I CAN'T
WATCH THE
FIREWORKS
WITH THEM.



I NEED
YOU TO
KEEP WHAT
HAPPENED
EARLIER A
SECRET
FROM THE
OTHERS.

SFX: slam

